

A Sad Case.

The Springfield "Republican" says:— Governor Rice is asked to pardon one O'Donnell, of Millbury, from Charlestown, and a gentleman who recently visited the State Prison thus tells his story: "Gentlemen," said the Warden, "I want to bring before you one of the most remarkable cases we have in the prison. We call him 'the man who never smiles,' and I wish before he comes in to tell you his story. He seems to be a man of more than ordinary ability, one of the better class of substantial, frugal Irish citizens, who owned a small place in one of our manufacturing villages, where he resided with his family of grown-up sons and daughters, who are permanently employed and in comfortable circumstances. The old man had a fine garden on which he bestowed his leisure hours, in a part of which was a fine lot of cabbages. It seems that the boys in the neighborhood had a habit of trespassing on the old man's garden, until he had determined on getting rid of them by firing his gun to frighten them away. One night, hearing some one in his garden, he took down his gun, and, getting behind the hedge, fired into the garden, as he claims, without aim or seeing any one to aim at.— But the report of the gun alarmed the neighbors, who, on rushing into the garden, found the lifeless body of a young girl, shot through the heart. The old man, when told what he had done, was struck dumb. He was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment for life. He has now been here for ten years, and his face has become as marble; there is no hope; nothing but the sad remembrance of that dreadful night. In Ireland they have a superstition among the young girls that whoever on Hallowe'en shall place a cabbage over the door will marry the first young man that enters the door afterward. And this it was proved, was the errand of the young girl in the old man's garden.— But instead of a wedding she found a grave."

The Telephone.

That which would have seemed impossible and miraculous a few years since, is now regarded as the legitimate fruit of our mental development and inventive genius. The telegraph, sub-marine cable, and telephone, have each in its successive turn been thought the crowning marvel of the age. That a speech pronounced in Boston should report itself over the wires to an audience in Brooklyn, and a hymn played in New York should be audible in Washington, is indeed wonderful. But is it not equally wonderful that R. V. Pierce, M. D., of Buffalo, N. Y., can through his peculiar system of diagnosis, and without seeing the patient, obtain as accurate and perfect a knowledge of most chronic diseases as though he had made a personal examination? And it is not reasonable to suppose that as great progress has been made in the occult sciences as in the more tangible and readily-demonstrable problems of metaphysics, where each new invention is but the logical sequence of the one that precedes it? The failure of physicians to fulfill their promises has created a widespread feeling of distrust; but is it right to condemn all physicians because the greed or ignorance of a few induced them to do wrong? Many are prejudiced against Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines, and erroneously fancy them to be "cure-alls," but has not the Doctor repeatedly disclaimed their ability to cure cancer, or give other than temporary relief where the lung was half wasted away? By dealing fairly with the people, he has earned their confidence, and built up a practice so large in the treatment of chronic diseases that the erection of the Grand Invalids' Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y., to accommodate his patients, became a necessity. At an expense of nearly half a million dollars he has erected the largest and most complete sanitarium in the world.—Buffalo News.

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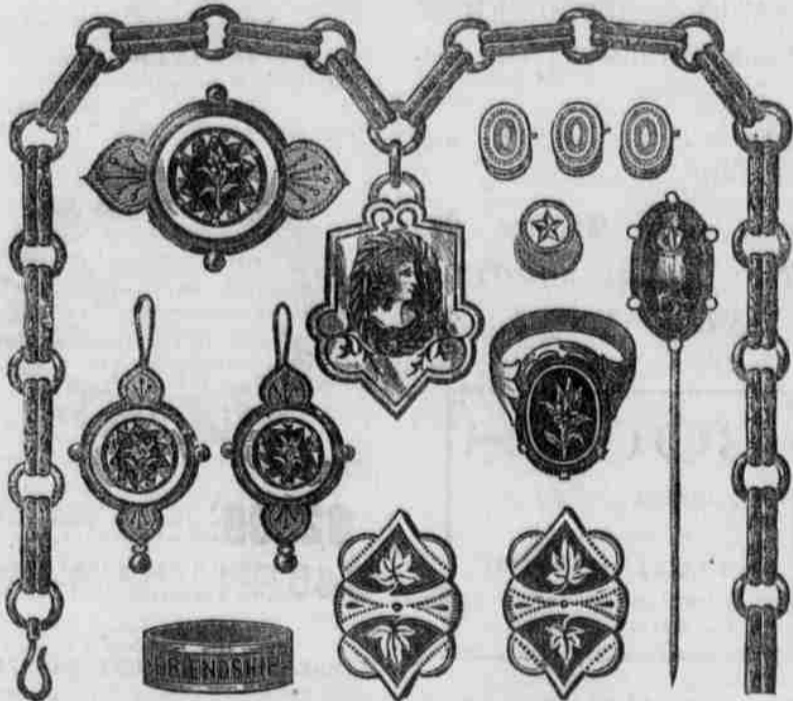
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